## STATE OF NEW YORK LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY ECLEGIAN 30 '23 PM 5:28 BUFFALO, NY, FEBRUARY 2, 2023

## Congratulating and Honoring Gretchen Dolan Williamsville South Basketball - All Time Leader Scorer

WHEREAS, Gretchen Dolan, the 5'11 guard and senior basketball star at Williamsville South is representing Western New York with yet another milestone accomplishment; and

WHEREAS, during this season against Iroquois on January 21, 2023, Dolan needed 30 points to surpass former teammate and current UConn center Amari DeBerry to become the school's all-time leading scorer; and

WHEREAS, not only did Gretchen became Williamsville South's all-time scoring leader, on the same night, she scored 50 points for the second time this season to go along with 13 rebounds, 6 assists; and

WHEREAS, Gretchen has already committed and signed her Division 1 scholarship to play collegiate basketball at Illinois; and

WHEREAS, this year, Gretchen received a well-deserved distinction of being nominated a McDonald's All-American; and

WHEREAS, she had already established herself as the marquee star for the Williamsville South Billies Girls Basketball program scoring over 2,000 points, as she averaged 36.8 points per game as a junior last season and this season is averaging 40 points per game, which is second in New York State; and

WHEREAS, Gretchen cherished the opportunity in being able to improve her skills on the court thanks to her mother, her brother Greg, a former All-Western New York star at Williamsville South where he previously held the Billies all-time scoring record and, Amari DeBarry, whom she learned from after being teammates for so many years; and

WHEREAS, in addition to impressive statistics, Dolan has shown the passing skills, incredible shooting and basketball IQ that make her an elite player; and

WHEREAS, this Honorable Body takes delight in acknowledging and recognizing individuals like Gretchen who enhance, represent, and change by way of action in devoting her time in becoming a phenomenal student-athlete and representing the Western New York Community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

**RESOLVED,** that with the utmost respect and admiration, the Erie County Legislature recognizes and congratulates *Gretchen Dolan* on her achievements, both on and off the court, which include her nomination as a McDonald's All-American and becoming the All-Time Leading Scorer at Williamsville South, and we extend our heartfelt congratulations and praise to Gretchen on representing Western New York and best wishes on a safe and healthy season as well as a blessed collegiate basketball career at the University of Illinois.